FORM PTO-1390 (Modified) U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE; U.S. DEPARTMEREV. 7-2005) TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES 33751-15 U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY CLAIMED PCT/US04/35196 22.10.2004 24.10.2003 TITLE OF INVENTION MONITORING SYSTEM APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Andrew C. FULLER Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 1. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. 3. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (24) indicated below. hereby certify X The US has been elected (Article 31). 4 Ø 5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) а. П is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. □ has been communicated by the International Bureau. \boxtimes is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). States Patent a. 🗆 is attached hereto. b. \Box has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). or fee is being ಕ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3 are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). а. П b. 🗆 have been communicated by the International Bureau. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired C. \boxtimes have not been made and will not be made. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 8. 9 An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)). 10. An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)). A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409). 11. 12. A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210). Items 13 to 23 below concern document(s) or information included: 13. \boxtimes An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 14. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 15. A FIRST preliminary amendment. 16. A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 17 П A substitute specification. Ø 18. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 19. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825. \boxtimes 20 A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 21. 22. \boxtimes Express Mail Label No. ET035786145US

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith, for timely filing before the USPTO by the deadline of 24 August 2005, is a completed Demand document under PCT Article 31, including a copy of the fee calculation sheet.

Applicant is also filing his Reply to the Written Opinion dated 18 March 2005, including an Article 34 Amendment consisting of Replacement Sheets 13-16.

Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of claim 8; claim 10 is amended to include the limitations of claim 13; claim 21 is amended to delete the word "or" from each instance of "and/or" and claims 8, 13, and 29 are canceled. Following the cancellation of three claims, the remaining claims have been re-numbered, and antecedent references have been corrected. There are twenty-seven claims remaining in the application.

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I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service "Express Mail" Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated below and addressed to the Director of the United States Patent & Trademark Office. P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 223 Jan 1450

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The Examiner states in Box V of the Written Opinion that claims 8, 9, 13 and 14 contain an inventive step. The limitations of claims 8 and 13 have been moved into independent claims 1 and 9, respectively.

The Examiner further states in Box V of the Written Opinion that claims 20-30 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Akiyama in view of Warner. Original claim 20 is now renumbered as claim 18. Renumbered claim 18 depends from renumbered claim 9, which includes the limitations of original claim 13. As stated by Examiner, original claim 13 includes an inventive step.

Renumbered claim 19 includes a sensor for determining the humidity, moisture, and temperature of an area and a means for warning when the humidity, moisture, and temperature within said area is above a preset, desired humidity, moisture, and temperature. None of the references cited either individually or in combination teach or suggest the use of such features. At most, these references address only relative humidity, rather than moisture and temperature. The present invention includes a system for monitoring most, if not all, ambient conditions of enclosed spaces so as to optimize these conditions. Additionally, this monitoring can occur from within the enclosed space or externally to the enclosed space.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing remarks and attending amendments, Applicant respectfully requests the establishment of a favorable International Preliminary Report on Patentability.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attorney/Agent for Applicant

Date:

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